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David F. Hogan
Deputy Director, Office of Marine Conservation (OES/OMC)
U.S. Department of State
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Re: U.S.–Canada Albacore Treaty

Dear Mr. Hogan,

Port Angeles Marine, Inc. operates a marine fuel dock in the Port of Port Angeles Boat Haven in Port Angeles, Washington. Our business has been fortunate to benefit from fuel sales to Canadian fishing vessels participating in the Albacore tuna fishery. In recent years, these vessels have become a significant segment of our business. In addition to the revenue from fuel sales, our community benefits from these vessels purchasing provisions, supplies, and repair services in our local shipyards.

Port Angeles has long been a stopover port for U.S. vessels participating in the Albacore fishery, especially for vessels fishing off the northern U.S. coast and in Canadian waters. The U.S. albacore vessels call on our port for the same services as the Canadian vessels and provide a needed stimulus to our economically depressed community.

We strongly support the continuation of U.S.–Canada Albacore Treaty. The Treaty is important for U.S. & Canadian fishermen as well as for our business and the economy of our local community. The Treaty supports equitable access to the highly migratory fishery as well as an equitable opportunity for small communities like ours to derive economic benefit from the fishery.

Thank you for considering our comments as you continue the negotiation process for the continuation of the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty.

Sincerely,

Chuck Faires
Port Angeles Marine, Inc.